

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 1, 16 and 18 have been amended. No new claims have been added, and no claims have been canceled.

In the Office Action mailed December 20, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Solloway, U.S. Pat. No. 5,031,904 ("Solloway").

Referring to claim 1 as a representative claim of claims 1 and 16, claim 1, as amended, recites a "cuff strap configured to position the plurality of fins to extend outwardly from an interior of the cuff strap and normal to the cuff strap when the cuff strap is fastened around an ankle area of a leg of a user." Applicants respectfully submit that Solloway does not show fins that extend normal to a cuff strap. Solloway shows Z-shaped fins connected tangential to a leg assembly. Nowhere in Solloway is a discussion or illustration indicating that any of the fins extend normal to a cuff strap. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that Solloway does not disclose each and every element of claims 1 or 16 and that these claims are allowable.

Regarding claims 2-15 and 17 these claims depend from claim 1 or 16 which applicants submit are allowable. Accordingly, claims 2-15 and 17 are at least allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

Examiner rejected claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Solloway.

Applicants respectfully submit that Solloway does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of any of claims 18-20. As amended, claim 18 recites moving an aquatic exercise device through water where the "a plurality of fins extending outwardly from an interior of the cuff strap and normal to the cuff strap when the cuff strap is wrapped around the ankle area". As discussed above, Solloway does not show a fins that are normal to a cuff strap.



## REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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